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Continuation of private insurance and vacation for reservists							
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Local: No Local Government Costs Indeterminate 1. Increase Costs Permissive Mandatory 2. Decrease Costs Permissive Mandatory Towns Counties Co							
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LRB Number	03-2287/1	Introduction Number	SB-164	Estimate Type	Original	
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Continuation of private insurance and vacation for reservists						

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

SB 164 adds accrued vacation to the currently enumerated benefits that must be provided when a person on active military service restores to his/her former position. It also requires insurers to allow members of the reserve and guard to continue coverage under a health benefit plan at no additional cost if they are called into active service.

This estimate is limited to the fiscal effect on local governments. There are a variety of personnel policies and health benefit plans that local governments administer for employees who may be subject to this bill. There also is federal law that governs the rights of returning employees. Under SB 164, there could be additional costs to an employer if employees are permitted to maintain their accrued vacation balances upon restoration. Also, there may be additional costs to continue paying the employer share of health benefit plans for reserve and guard members on active duty. However, the Department of Employment Relations does not have any information with which to determine the extent to which local governments would have to modify their policies on vacation or health plans to comply with this bill. Therefore, the fiscal impact of this bill on local governments is indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications